


Using Kidblog.org

Creating the Blog


1. Go to <http://kidblog.org>
2. Click **CLICK TO CREATE A CLASS**
3. On the next screen, fill in the appropriate information and click **CREATE CLASS** at the bottom.

Note: You will receive an e-mail confirmation from support@kidblog.org with user information and the URL of your new Kidblog site. Add this link to your Schoolwires webpage to make it easy for students and parents to access your class blogs.

4. On the next screen, you will see your Dashboard. Here you can manage users, privacy settings, write a new post and review posts made on your class blog.

 **Set up your class for free in 20 seconds!**

Get your students blogging.
Go for it - It's fast and free!

 [Click to Create a Class](#)

username

Password


Repeat Password

Email

(You'll receive your Kidblog class information here.)

Class Name

(e.g. Mrs. Anderson's Class)


Verification Code 

[Reload Image](#)

By clicking the button below, you agree to the [Terms of Service](#)

Create Class »

Dashboard
Write New Post
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 **Recent Activity**
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[Create a New Class](#)

Class Statistics


Posts	Comments
1 Published Post	1 Comment
0 Pending Posts	0 Waiting
0 Drafts	1 Approved

Theme **Kidblog Blue** [Change Theme](#)

Storage Space » [Manage Files](#)

100MB Available
0MB (0%) Used

Recent Comments


[Comments RSS](#) 

From Mrs.Tebo on [Welcome to Kidblog.org!](#)

This is a sample comment. To edit or delete a comment, log in to your class control panel. You'll ...

[View all](#)

Recently Published Posts

[Posts RSS](#) 

[Welcome to Kidblog.org!](#)
by Mrs.Tebo - 1 min ago

[View all](#)

Create a New Class (or Classes)

Elementary teachers would typically need just one class (Mr. Smith's Grade 5 Class); however middle and secondary teachers many needed several (English 8A, English 8B, Social Studies 9C, AP English 12, etc.). To add additional classes, click the **CREATE A NEW CLASS** button. Enter the new class's name in the box and click **ADD CLASS**.

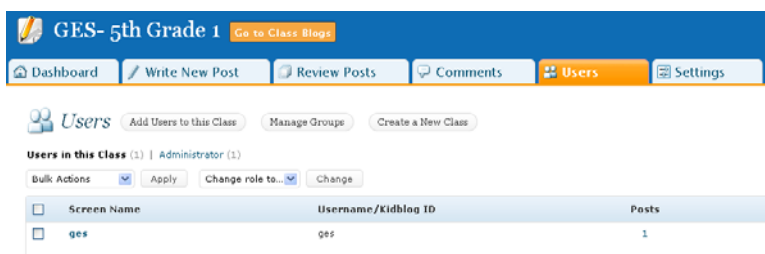
Class Name

(e.g. Mrs. Anderson's Class)

Add Class »

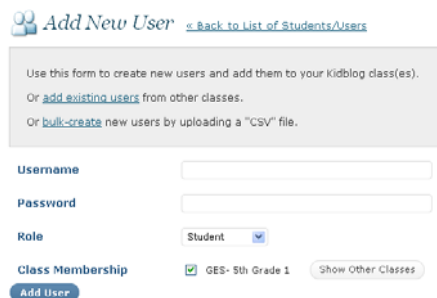
To Add Students to your Class

1. Click the **USERS** tab
2. Click **ADD USERS TO THIS CLASS**
3. Type a username and password.
Make sure the role is set to **STUDENT**.



GCISD Guidelines for Student Usernames on Social Media Websites:

Do not use real student names. A good practice is to use names associated with your curriculum. For example, a history teacher might use historical names like Woodrow Wilson or Margaret Mead. A science teacher might use Albert Einstein or Marie Curie. If your curricular area doesn't lend itself to using well known names, you might use student 1, student 2, etc.



KidBlog Specific Info: Usernames must be unique. If you decide to use Student1, Student2, etc. for usernames, you'll need to put your campus initials or your class name before the Student1 so that it will be unique to KidBlog... ex: GES-5th-Student1 or Smith-Student1.

4. Click **ADD USER**.
5. Repeat the above steps for all the students in your class.

Note: You can also add other teachers to your blog. You can assign their role as Teacher, Moderator, Guest or Administrator. You are the blog Administrator because you created the class.

To Manage the Blog Settings

Click on the Settings tab at the top of the Dashboard to choose your blog layout, manage privacy settings and user permissions.

Privacy Settings

To the right are the default privacy settings for new blog posts and comments. Choose the desired privacy settings for your blog.

Privacy Settings

Posts

Who may read students' posts?

- ☐ All visitors (no password required)
- ☐ Class members and logged-in guests
- ☒ Class members only
- ☐ Teacher only

Post Approval:

- ☐ Teacher must approve posts before they appear

Comments

Who may leave comments on students' posts?

- ☐ All visitors (no password required)
- ☐ Class members and logged-in guests
- ☒ Class members only
- ☐ Teacher only

Comment Approval:

- ☒ Teacher must approve comments before they appear

User Permissions

Choose your User Permissions as desired and click **SAVE CHANGES** when you are finished.

User Permissions

"Teacher" Role

- ☒ Teachers are allowed to create/edit other teachers

"Moderator" Role

- ☒ Moderators are allowed to edit/approve posts
- ☒ Moderators are allowed to edit/approve comments

Viewing Your Class Blog

Click on [Go to Class Blogs](#) at the top of the page. You will see your KidBlog page. Save the web site address, so you and your students know how to access your KidBlog site. You can add this site as a link on your Schoolwires webpage

This page will list all blog posts. By default, the first one you will see comes from Kidblog.org.

The new posts will always appear on top, with the date the post was made, the author who posted the blog entry and how many comments the post has received.



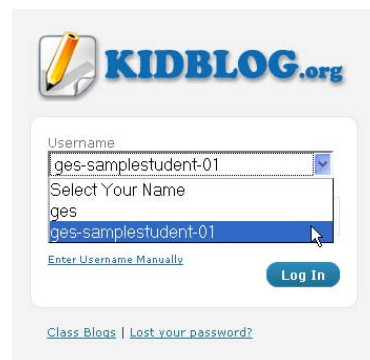
The screenshot shows the KidBlog dashboard for a user named 'gespat'. At the top, there are tabs for 'ALL BLOGS', 'MY POSTS', and 'NEW POST'. The user is logged in as 'gespat' and can access the 'Control Panel' or 'Log out'. The main header features the KidBlog.org logo and the title 'GES 5th Grade PAT'. Below this, there's a 'Recent Posts' section with a dropdown menu set to 'Show 25 posts from This Month'. A table with columns 'Title', 'Date', 'Author', and 'Comments' is shown, but it contains the message 'No posts this month.' To the right, there's a 'BLOG DIRECTORY' section listing several blog entries: 'gespat', 'gespat5-1', 'gespat5-10', 'gespat5-11', and 'gespat5-12'.

On the right under "Blog Directory", all users are listed. You can click any name to go directly to that user's posts.

Kidblog.org Student Instructions

Logging In

1. Go to your class blog's website.
2. Select your name from the drop down list.
3. Type in your password
4. Click **LOG IN**



Creating a Post

1. Click the **NEW POST** tab at the top of the screen.
2. Add a title for the post in the field under “**Add New Post**”
3. Add media, such as a saved video or audio file, if desired.
4. Type the entry in the space below the text tools.
5. When you are finished, click either **SAVE AS DRAFT**, if you wish to come back and edit the post later, or click **PUBLISH** for immediate posting to the blog.
6. The new blog entry is posted on the home page of the class blog.



Leaving Comments

1. To read a blog entry, click the title.
2. Type your comment into the “Leave a Comment” box.
3. Click **SUBMIT COMMENT** when finished.

Leave a Comment

Logged in as **ges-samplestudent-01**. [Logout »](#)

SUBMIT COMMENT

Logging Out

When finished posting or commenting, click **LOG OUT** in the upper right.